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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Freedmen’s Bureau
3 Records Preservation Act of 2000”.

4 **SEC. 2. PRESERVATION OF FREEDMEN’S BUREAU**
5 **RECORDS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 29 of title 44, United
7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
8 lowing:

9 **“§ 2910. Preservation of Freedmen’s Bureau records**

10 “The Archivist shall preserve the records of the Bu-
11 reau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, com-
12 monly referred to as the ‘Freedmen’s Bureau’, by using—

13 “(1) microfilm technology for preservation of
14 the documents comprising these records so that they
15 can be maintained for future generations; and

16 “(2) the results of the pilot project with the
17 University of Florida to create future partnerships
18 with Howard University and other institutions for
19 the purposes of indexing these records and making
20 them more easily accessible to the public, including
21 historians, genealogists, and students, and for any
22 other purposes determined by the Archivist.”.

23 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
24 at the beginning of chapter 29 of title 44, United States

1 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
2 item:

“2910. Preservation of Freedmen’s Bureau records.”.

3 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

4 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
5 section 2910 of title 44, United States Code (as added
6 by section 2), a total of \$3,000,000 for fiscal years 2001
7 through 2005.

 Passed the House of Representatives October 19,
2000.

Attest:

Clerk.